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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING DECEMBER 18,  
1974:

QUOTE: Q. SOMETHING LEFT OVER FROM YESTERDAY. YOU WERE  
GOING TO CHECK THIS. YOU THOUGHT THERE WERE PERIODIC  
REPORTS OF THE RESULTS OF THE RECONNAISSANCE TO THE HILL  
AND YOU WOULD CHECK. WHILE YOU WERE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING  
THIS, THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE SAID THERE HAS  
NEVER BEEN ANY REPORT.

A. THAT IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.

Q. NOW, WHAT ABOUT THE HOUSE?

A. NEITHER.

Q. SO THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY REPORT TO THE HILL ABOUT  
WHAT OUR SURVEILLANCE IS PICKING UP.

A. THAT IS RIGHT.

Q. ABOUT VIOLATIONS.

A. THAT IS RIGHT.

Q. THE OTHER PART OF THE QUESTIONS WAS -- WAS CONGRESS  
EVER TOLD ABOUT THIS ALLEGED POLICY AND AGREEMENT AMONG  
THE PRINCIPALS TO MAINTAIN THE SECRECY OF SUCH INFORMATION?  
HAVE YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT THAT?

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A. ON THAT, I REFER YOU TO, I THINK IT WAS, THE JUNE 6  
PRESS CONFERENCE, WHICH I POSTED YESTERDAY, WHERE THE  
SECRETARY ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO THIS QUESTION OF SURVEIL-  
LANCE AND INDICATED THAT THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF  
CONGRESS WERE INFORMED.

Q. THE QUESTION WAS DID HE INFORM THEM THAT THEY WERE  
GOING TO DO SURVEILLANCE. BUT THE QUESTION IS DID HE

INFORM THEM THAT THE RESULTS OF THIS SURVEILLANCE WOULD BE KEPT FROM THEM.

A. JUST LET ME SAY -- IT WASN'T PUT IN THE QUESTION THAT IT WOULD BE KEPT FROM THEM.

Q. YES, THAT WAS THE QUESTION -- BE NOT GIVEN TO THEM -- LET ME PUT IT THAT WAY.

A. LOOK -- I WAS ASKED YESTERDAY, OR THE DAY BEFORE, IF CONGRESS RECEIVED THE RESULTS OF RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS. THE ANSWER IS NO.

I HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO ADD ON THE SUBJECT. WE HAVE BEEN GOING ON THIS THING FOR THREE DAYS NOW.

Q. YESTERDAY YOU ENUNCIATED FOR US A POLICY THAT CAME AS A SURPRISE TO MANY OF US, THAT THERE HAD EVER BEEN SUCH A POLICY. YOU SAID IT BEGAN LAST MAY WITH THE AGREEMENT, WITH THE CONCURRENCE, YOU ASSUMED, OF THE PRINCIPALS INVOLVED, THAT THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES AND TO THE UNITED NATIONS. AND THEN YOU REMINDED THAT THE SECRETARY SAID ANY PRIVATE UNDERSTANDINGS IN THIS REGARD WOULD BE RELAYED TO CONGRESS, AND HAD CONGRESS BEEN TOLD. YOU SAID YOU WOULD CHECK. AND NOW CAN YOU TELL US IF CONGRESS HAD BEEN TOLD ABOUT THIS THEN OR SINCE?

A. I DO NOT KNOW. I WILL LOOK INTO THAT FURTHER ASPECT, AND THAT WILL BE THE LAST QUESTION ON IT. BUT THE SECRETARY DID INDICATE, INCIDENTALLY, ON JUNE 6 THAT THE QUESTION OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THESE RECONNAISSANCE

FLIGHTS WAS BEING DONE AT THE REQUEST OF THE PARTIES.  
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Q. THAT IS AN ADDITIONAL FACTOR.

A. THAT IS EGYPT, ISRAEL AND SYRIA.

Q. BUT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IS NOT THE QUESTION.

A. I DO.

Q. CONFIDENTIALITY WAS THAT WE WERE TAKING OVER THIS RESPONSIBILITY OF SURVEILLANCE, BUT IT WAS BEING KEPT IN CONFIDENCE BECAUSE IT WAS EMBARRASSING, OR FOR SOME OTHER REASON.

A. BEING KEPT IN CONFIDENCE AT THE REQUEST OF THE PARTIES.

Q. THIS IS NOT THE QUESTION OF DOES THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES GET THE RESULTS OF THE RECONNAISSANCE.

A. I HAVE SAID NO, THEY DO NOT.

Q. WERE THEY TOLD THEY WOULD NOT, IS THE FINAL QUESTION.

A. ALL RIGHT. LET ME LOOK INTO THAT FOR YOU.

Q. COULD YOU PLEASE COMMENT ON REPORTS OF ANGRY EXCHANGES LAST NIGHT BETWEEN KISSINGER AND AMBASSADOR DINITZ?

A. YES. I BELIEVE THE ISRAELI EMBASSY HAS ALREADY ADDRESSED THAT SUBJECT AND DENIED IT, AND I CAN JUST ONLY ADD THAT THE REPORT IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS. END QUOTE.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS SUPPLIED LATER TO THE PRESS:  
THE SECRETARY HAS TOLD THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENTS AGREED BY THE PARTIES IN THE DISENGAGEMENT ACCORDS. WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT THE QUESTION OF GIVING REPORTS OF RECOMMAISSANCE TO CONGRESS CAME UP AT THE TIME, OR THAT IT HAS BEEN RAISED SINCE. KISSINGER

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